

ANTELOPE VALLEY ILLEGAL DUMPING TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2013

Fire Station No. 129, Training Center
42110 6th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by Doug Burgis.

Self-introductions

- Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Checking Account – Doug Burgis

- Reported that AVIDTF had \$31,816 in August.

Illegal Dumping – David Coscia

- In September 2013, there were 13 reported cases in the Antelope Valley.

Subcommittee Report – David Coscia

- Discussed metal signs for illegal dumping which may be provided to residents
- Discussed working towards agreement with Crime Stoppers
- Discussed possible vouchers for the disposal of debris.
- Discussed the video produced by Curiosity Quest

Wasteland Grant, Final Presentation – Monica Mahoney and Robyn Young

- Presentation by representatives from the Museum of Art & History (MOAH) and from Eastside High School.
- Students from the school made art projects using found materials from an illegal dump site near the school.
- The location chosen was determined using GIS; it had to be close and large enough to handle 600 students being bused to the site over the course of one day.
- The chosen site was near East Avenue L and 15th Street East
- On the day, each student was given one bag in which to place “art supplies” and one bag in which to place trash.
- The “art supplies” were brought back to school and sorted. All supplies were made available to all students.
- Students created “flowers” using the art supplies.
- During the Poppy Festival, MOAH displayed several of the “flowers”
- After the project was completed, the students took a survey. Many educated their family and friends about the issue of illegal dumping.
- The project was very successful in raising awareness of illegal dumping to a large audience. It engaged the students in community involvement.

Open discussion/public comments

- Sheriff Friedland reported on an illegal dumping case in Acton near Peaceful Valley Road and Tuckerway Ranch Road. Resident left his mail

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in the pile. Sherriff knocked on the resident's door. Resident confessed, removed illegal dumping and took it to the landfill

- Doug Parham recommended that the subcommittee create a community group to remove debris and/or provide trash collection in remote locations. He said group could work with volunteers in target areas. Christine recommended that group was not needed and that Doug could coordinate through the existing subcommittee. The subcommittee could arrange for volunteers (schools, church, boys/girls groups, etc.). She recommended that he work with Ms. Angela Reilly of City of Lancaster to arrange for volunteers to remove debris.
- Doug Parham recommended that AVTF provide for a free dumpster. It could be placed at the Road Maintenance Division yard at 170th Street East and Avenue J. Discussion followed. Chris Mastro said it would not be a good idea. Need to have set hours, someone watching it, and someone arranging for bin to be emptied. Doug Burgis stated that Quartz Hill has two free dump days per year. They use three dumpsters for each event. Perhaps need to have free dump days in Lake Los Angeles since it is about 30 miles to the nearest landfill.
- Mr. John Goit stated he was aware of an illegal dumping site in Lake Los Angeles. He spoke privately with the representatives from Public Health and provided the location to them.

The meeting ended at 4:22 pm.